keeping pace with the projecte needs/requirements of the universities. During 10th Plan Department of Secondary & Higher Education projected a requirement of Rs. 31229.92 crores to the Planning Commission against which a sum of only Rs. 12750.00 crores has been made available.

In the background of the overall resource crunch, UGC had appointed a high-powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice K. Punnayya to recommend specific measures for mobilization of additional resources by the universities. The report, alongwith the views of UGC thereon, has been sent to the universities for appropriate aclion.

UGC has also introduced an incentive scheme for giving matching grants to the universities of the extent of 25% of the additional resources raised by them, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 25.00 lakhs.

Coastal Radio Station

† 4755. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that 18 coastal radio stations have been established for the benefit of fishermen;

(b) if so, when and where these stations have been set up and the expenditure incurred on each of them;

(c) whether these radio stations have become operational;s

(d) if not, by when they would start functioning and the reasons for the delay;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the fishermen have not been provided walkie talkies as reported in Rashtriya Sahara of 25th March, 2002; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir. Under a programme on "Demonstration of shore to vessel communication system to coastal fishermen", it was proposed to establish 18 shore stations in 8 states and 3 UTs of the country. It was also proposed to distribute limited number of walkie talkies to fishermen. This was to be done in two phases. The states of Kerala (Neendakara & Quilandy) in phase I and Maharashtra (Sasoon Dock, Mumbai & Mirkarwada, Ratnagiri District) in phase II alongwith union territory of Lakshadweep (Minicoy Island) had stated that they are not interested in participating in this programme. Later one station at Betui was added in Goa. Therefore, stations to be made were 14f

During the 8th Plan 7 shore stations in 4 states were set up and in the IXth Plan one shore station was set up. The remaining stations in the respective states are expected be completed during the financial year 2002-2003 (Xth Five Year Plan).

(b) and (c) The details of the States alongwith the locations of the shore stations in phase-l is follows:

SI. No.	Name of the state	Location of the Station	Date of commiss-ioning	Remarks
1.	Andhra	Machilipatnam	31.01.1994	The Department had provided
	Pradesh	Kaiimgapatnam	29.03.1994	free of cost Annual Maintenance
2.	Tamilnadu	Nagapatnam	05.06.1994	for continuous operation and
		Tuticorin	10.03.1994	maintenance of these shore
3.	Karnataka	Malpe	30.11.1993	stations and equipment for a
		Hannover	10.06.1994	duration of year during 1997-98.
4	Goa	Betui	17.02.1995	Subsequently they were handed over to the state for confirmed operation and maintenance.

The total Cost incurred on setting up of these stations was Rs. 1.25 crore.

The details of the States in Phase II alongwith the locations of the shore stations and their current status of functioning/ implementation and expected date of completion are as follows:

SI. No.	Name of State	Location of the station	Present Status
1	2	3	4
1.	West Bengal	1. Fraserganj, South 24 Parganas Distt. 2. Shankarpur, Mindnapur Distt.	Training to fisheries personnel and selected fishermen completed by SAMEER, and autonomous society under ministry of Information Technology. In general the performance of base station and other equipment was found to be good. The State Government has prepared an estimate for carrying out and completion of the residual work. SAMEER has examined the proposal and work is expected to be completed by 2002-2003.
2.	Orissa	1. Chandipur, Ganjam Distt. 2. Paradip Port, Paradip Distt.	The tower at Paradeep has collapsed during last super cyclone. The base station unit has been sent for certain repair. In Chandipur the base station was found to be in working condition. However for complete functioning of the shore station certain repairs have to be carried out. SAMEER has examined the residual work and work is expected to be completed by 2002-2003.
3.	Pondi-cherry	Periya-Verrampattinam	The civil works for establishing the station and R.C.C. foundation for tower have been completed. The electrical work and installation of communication tower is pending. Thereafter the station has to be commissioned after testing of all the equipment. Training of the local fisherfolk part of the programme. The system is expected to commissioned during 2002-2003.
4.	Goa	Salegao, North Goa	The building for the shore station is ready. Tower has to be commissioned. Shore station equipment as also the VHF sets have to be tested. The system is expected to be commissioned by 2002-2003.

The approx: expenditure is Rs.2.13 crores

(d) to (f) The phase I of the project was awarded to M/s. Marine and Communication Electronics (MACE) Ltd., Visakhapatnam, a Public Sector undertaking of Govt, of Andhra Pradesh, during the 8th Five-year plan period. Two shore stations were established in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh and one in Goa and they started functioning in 1994-95. The Walkie-Talkie sets were also distributed to the fishermen.

As the M/s. MACE has been wound up, in the phase II of the project was awarded to M/s. Punjab Wireless System Ltd. (PUNWIRE) during the IXth Five Year Plan period. Seven shore stations to be located in West Bengal, Orissa, Pondicherry, Goa, and Andaman &. Nicobar Islands were to be set up. PUNWIRE could not complete the work due to financial problems and this work has been now assigned to the Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER)—Centre for Electromagnetics under the Ministry of Information Technology. A discussion is under progress with States Government for identification of fishermen for distribution of the Walkie-Talkies.

In the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Island the Port Management Board has taken the responsibility for implementing this project. The System have been handed over to A & N Administration on 08.01.2001. Walkie-Talkie also been handed over to A & N Administration for distribution to fishermen.

The time taken for implementation of the programme is mainly due to closure/financial problems of two Public Sectors firms who were involved in the programme.

Bunglings in sale of railway tickets

† 4756. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that on the one hand a lot of bunglings are prevalent in the sale of rail tickets and the rail reservation on the other hand the incidents of theft and looting in trains are incessantly on the increase;

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